

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND  
Legislative Session 2021, Legislative Day No. 9

Bill No. 52-21

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Mr. Todd Crandell, Councilman

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By the County Council, May 3, 2021

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A BILL  
ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Permits, Approvals, and Inspections – Gathering Permits

FOR the purpose of providing certain exceptions for certain gathering permits to certain event application deadlines and requirements; and generally relating to gathering permits.

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments

Section 21-9-106

Article 21 – Permits, Licenses, and Business Regulation

Title 9 – Gatherings and Events

Subtitle 1 – In General

Baltimore County Code, 2015

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.  
[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.  
~~Strike-out~~ indicates matter stricken from bill.  
Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

1           SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE  
2 COUNTY, MARYLAND, that the Laws of Baltimore County read as follows:

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4           ARTICLE 21 – PERMITS, LICENSES, AND BUSINESS REGULATION

5                           Title 9 – Gatherings and Events

6   Subtitle 1 – In General

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8       § 21-9-106. Event Application.

9           (a)     (1) An applicant shall submit an application for a permit under this subtitle on a  
10 form required by the Director.

11                   (2) An application shall:

12                           (i) Include the name, address, and telephone number of the applicant;

13                           (ii) Be accompanied by any applicable application fee;

14                           (iii) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, be filed at least  
15 60 calendar days, but not more than one year, before the event;

16                           (iv) Be filed for each event;

17                           (v) Be signed under oath or affirmation and that:

18   1. Is attached to and made part of the application;

19   2. Is made expressly under the penalties of making a false  
20 statement to a law enforcement officer; and

21   3. Subjects the individual making the signature to the penalties of  
22 making a false statement to a law enforcement officer to the same extent as an oath or  
23 affirmation before an individual authorized to administer oaths;

1 (vi) Shall include a security plan for approval by the Police Department  
2 that includes:

- 3 1. Details about security personnel to be supplied by the applicant;  
4 2. Participation in Police Department detail pay program, if  
5 required;

6 (vii) Shall include a list of all similar events held by the applicant in  
7 another Maryland jurisdiction during the prior twelve months;

8 (viii) In the case of a parade, the applicant shall:

- 9 1. State:  
10 a. The highways through which and the hours within  
11 which the parade is to pass;  
12 b. The approximate number of persons, animals and  
13 vehicles that will participate in the parade; and  
14 c. The number of vendors that the applicant anticipates  
15 will be in attendance along the parade route; and  
16 2. Attach to the application a copy of the proposed route; and  
17 3. Any other information as the County may require in its review  
18 of the application.

19 (b) (1) Applications for events shall be considered on a first-in-time basis depending  
20 on when the application and application fee is received by the County.

21 (2) If multiple applications for the same date are received, the County may  
22 consider available resources when determining whether to hold multiple events on a given day.

23 (c) (1) The County may consider an application for an event permit filed after the

1 deadline established by this subtitle only if the County anticipates that adequate County  
2 resources will exist to support the event and there are extenuating circumstances for not meeting  
3 the application deadline.

4 (2) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION, AN  
5 APPLICATION FOR A NONPROFIT GATHERING PURSUANT TO § 21-9-104 OF THIS  
6 TITLE OR AN APPLICATION FOR A GATHERING PERMIT MAY BE SUBMITTED NO  
7 LATER THAN 14 CALENDAR DAYS BEFORE THE EVENT AND MAY BE EXEMPT  
8 FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTIONS (A)(2)(VI), (A)(2)(VII), AND (D) OF  
9 THIS SECTION, UNLESS REQUESTED BY THE DIRECTOR UPON REVIEW OF THE  
10 APPLICATION.

11 (d) On receipt, the Director shall forward for review, inspection if applicable, comment  
12 and approval or disapproval of required security plan, including a recommendation to deny the  
13 permit, a copy of the application to:

14 (1) The Police Department;

15 (2) The Fire Department;

16 (3) The Department of Health;

17 (4) The Building Engineer; and

18 (5) Any other office or department considered necessary by the Director.  
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20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that this Act, having been passed by  
21 the affirmative vote of five members of the County Council, shall take effect on June 21, 2021.